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FILED : Herewith  
FOR : DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM AND FILTERING METHOD  
USED IN THE DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM

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In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(1), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

Since all of the references were either cited by the Examiner or submitted by applicants in parent application serial number 10/158,083, no copies of the references nor any statement of relevancy are required.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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